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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. NEGOTIATIONS RECESSED UNTIL MAY 11. PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED AT 1300 ROME TIME MAY 2. TEXT IN SEPTEL.

2. FORMAL AND INFORMAL TALKS OVER LAST TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS SUGGEST (BUT DO NOT GUARANTEE) THAT ALL OUTSTANDING ITEMS ARE NEGOTIABLE IN CONTEXT EXISTING US POSITION WITH EXCERTION MULTIPLE DESIGNATION. IN STATING THIS, DELEGATION WANTS POINT OUT NOTORIOUS TRACK RECORD ON DELIVERY BY ITALIANS ON OFFERS MADE INFORMALLY OR HYPOTHETICALLY. THUS MULTIPLE DESIGNATION APPEARS KEY ISSUE IN RESUMED TALKS. US DEL ALSO UNDERSTANDS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POSSIBILITY ADDITIONAL US CARRIER AND ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR ITALIANS IN EYES DOMESTIC CARRIERS. US DEL CONVINCED ON BASIS TALKS SO FAR THAT ITALIANS UNLIKELY ACCEPT PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN US DOC 8 NO MATTER WHAT WE DO ON POINTS. ITALIANS MAY CHANGE POSITION BASIS HIGH LEVEL TALKS BUT NO INDICATION OF THIS SO FAR. QUESTION THEREFORE IS WHETHER US WANTS AGREEMENT SUFFICIENTLY TO CONSIDER SOME MODIFICATION OF THIS POSITION IN EVENT SOME MODIFICATION NEEDED. MODIFICATION MIGHT RANGE FROM ACCEPTING LATEST ITALIAN POSITION TO SOME FORMULATION WHICH CONCEDES US RIGHT TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL CARRIER WITH PROVISION FOR CONSULTATION AND COMPENSATION PRIOR ACTURA OPERATION. IF LATTER APPROACH FOLLOWED MIGHT BE PREFERABLE

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KEY IT TO DALLAS SO THAT PRICE FOR ANY HOLD UP OF US OPERATION WOULD BE NON-OPERABILITY ONE ITALIAN POINT, NAMELY DALLAS, THUS REDUCING VALUE OF ITALIAN ROUTE PACKAGE. IF WASHINGTON DOES ARRIVE AT REVISED FORMULATION NEXT WEEK, MIGHT BE USEFUL CONSIDER HAVING AMBASSADOR DISCUSS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS LAST-DITCH EFFORT RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. US DEL RECOMMENDS US UNDERTAKE RE-EXAMINATION OF EXISTING US POSITION (US DOC 8). US DEL NOTES POSSIBILITY THAT ANOTHER FORMULATION MIGHT EVEN BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN CONCEPTUAL SENSE AND COULD MEET ITALIAN PROBLEM.

3. RE ITALIAN POINTS IN US, US DEL FEELS ITAL DEL IS STRONGLY ATTACHED TO EIGHT-POINT CONCEPT BUT NOT SURE THEY WILL LIVE OR DIE ON SAN FRANCISCO. SOME POSSIBILITY WE CAN REDUCE ITALIAN POINTS IF WE MAKE WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONCESSION ON MULTIPLE DESIGNATION. ALSO WE CAN ARGUE THAT IF DALLAS COMES OUT, IT COMES OUT FOR BOTH SIDES AND NO COMPENSATION REQUIRED.

4. US DEL VIEWS ON ISSUANCE NEXT WEEK OF PART 213 NOT ALTOGETHER UNIFORM. THERE IS SOME SUPPORT FOR ISSUANCE SOONEST ON BASIS COULD NOT BE HARMFUL AND MIGHT BE HELPFUL BY EMPHASIZING TO ITALIANS THAT CONTROLS IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT COULD BE RECIPROCAL. ON OTHER HAND IF HIGHER LEVEL TALKS MAKING USEFUL PROGRESS NEXT WEEK MIGHT BE BETTER TO DEFER DECISION ON ISSUANCE UNTIL RESULTS KNOWN.

5. IF FURTHER VIEWS REQUIRED WILL ANSWER FROM LISBON.

6. ATA REP LANDRY BRINGING FULL SET OF DOCUMENTS.
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